our deliverance is nigh at hand.

are becoming alive to the fact of our existence and our political and material strength. We have been led to these reflections by the article taken from the WILMINGTON, N. C .: Boston Advertiser (Republican) published elsewhere, which we commend to the attention of our readers. If the present dissen-General A. M. Scales. sions in the Radical party are not healed,

Onslow County.

We direct attention to the proceedings of the Onslow County Convention published

The Coas rvatives of this gallant county deserve the greatest consideration at the on, like our- hands of their party friends, for the manly with General Scales during and successful fight they have always made

The Hermit of Petraa.

proud of the position her children are tak- Smithville upon Wednesday last. ing in the world of letters. A brighter or The witnesses and lawyers came down Mr. Editor: My attention has just been more brilliant array of literary talent can from Lumberton on Monday, and pro-

In pointing out to us the Angel in the steamer Waccongw. CLOUD young FULLER has shown us that It will be remembered by our readers for the various State offices who | poetic fire is not yet extinct. In VALIRIE | that Sheriff King was attacked and mur-AYLMER, MORTON HOUSE and MARKE dered in his house near Lumberton, on the LEE Miss FISHER has renewed our youth 23d of January, 1869, and that John Dial, they will be during this in the emotions and feelings she has called being subsequently a rested, turned State's ss. I am deeply grate- into play, and Miss Cameron, in her touch- evidence and implicated five others besides ing story of SALTED WITH FIRE, has well himself in the commission of the murder.

erudition HAYWOOD GUION has taught us | rested shortly after, and placed in the jail many things not hitherto dreampt of in of this county for safe keeping, from which, our philosophy. Indeed, in whatever di- however, they escaped, with the exception the verdict rendered. the pass before the meeting of rection we turn, we find North Carolin- of Calvin Oxendine, who remained bebe, lans occupying the ground with credit to hind. themselves and to their State. And still they come. We have now to welcome zen of Robeson, was killed by the outlaws, an unless be has been freed another aspirant for literary honors, and in ambush, for complicity in which crime, one, if our judgment be not sadly at fault, Henderson Oxendine was tried, convicted

a the State and National government. ten by Mrs. James P. Irwin, of Charlotte, murder. But to et our standard-bearers be men that will N. C., as she says "with the hope of throwing a charm around the out-of-door life story are all, of course, out-of-door life; and yet, in spite of this, the author has speculation, sustained by such logical deduction, such and so many good authorities, that we are surprised, not only at the ngenuity of the author, but at the extent

of her reading and information. The pretensions of the writer are not based upon the merits of her book simply and very instructive. The impression made upon us in its perusal is that the story is used simply as a vehicle for bringears devoted to thought and study, and show how the life of an invalid, even,

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cuits with Judge WATTS, is now holding | Berry's gun going off in the struggle. Geo. Town Creek. averaged from our the Spring Term of the Superior Court for Applewhite then shot King with a pistol, ion, forbid the possibili- Wake county. In his charge to the Grand and King fell through the door and partly at remandable in the Jury His Honor, at considerable length, on the piazza, begging for mercy. While called especial attention to the alleged ill- they were searching the house, King beg- Lookwood Folly. the of her treatment of the prisoners confined in the ged for water, but Geo. Applewhite would in the American Penitentiary, and told the jury that if their not allow it to be given to him, and drew time. We have whole time was given solely to the investiback his gun, threatening to club him if he through a ter- gation of that matter alone, it would be did not hush. The robbersthen searched

with the past. and News, are condemning in strong terms | and a silver watch. A shot gun, pistol and use to recall them, nor to the course pursued by Judge Moone as some bed-clothing were carried off. course pursued by highly unbecoming a Judge, in that he so Mrs. King, widow of the murdered man, as been dietated far forgot the dignity and impartiality be- Miss Penny Ivey and Mr. Ed. Ward corerial policy, Cor- longing to his high judicial position as to roborated the particulars of the murder there has seemed attempt to subserve a mere partisan pur- and robbery, but could not identify the ween more political or pose while on the bench. The complaint parties. and political or person- against Judge Moore is, in specific terms, Sheriff Howell, of Robeson, testified that ed in choos- that he has taken a report of testimony Jno. Dial had made a confession to him in It is elicited by a committee of the Legislature, the jail, at Lumberton, of the facts set ow and to re- appointed to investigate the management forth in his testimony, and no reward or and death, no matter of the Penitentiary, and used such portions fear of punishment was held out to induce lotte. to beloved or trusted, has thereof as reflected upon the Board of him to confess. on the path marked out Directors, without making any reference to Drs. Norment and Jones testified to the that of honor and duty, the rebutting testimony. We shall regret cause and manner of King's death, and

compa an object of Judge Moone would so far defile the shot. with insidiously to promote mere partisan ends. the State, the Court adjourned until 7 P. a to deal. We have If it be true that he has done this thing, it M., in order to allow the defence to con and continue we will prove the truth of the rule to which clude whether or not they would introably, ere long, reap | we had hoped our old college-mate had | duce testimony. conseland concert of proved an exception, to wit: that no

itled. Especially is this true | Penitentiary we take this occasion to say a

smoong the different parties claiming to be | nal conduct. If any further evidence was national, we shall remain "hewers of wood needed it was found in the character of and drawers of water," but if we keep the gentlemen comprising the Directory. united and compact, we shall be able to Messes. BLEDSOE, BOYLAN, COFFIELD had said about Calvin Oxendine's compliand Thompson are too well known as city in the King murder was a lie, and he We care not for Fresidents and Cabinets, gentlemen of high character and humane was sorry for it. and Foreign Ministers. For years to come, feelings to be affected by any charges Jas. Strickland, white, testified that Dial under the most favorable circumstances, gotten up for political effect during the had told him in Whiteville jail, that he

The Directors announce themselves as and would not have done it if he had reading and expect to become President ready and anxious for the most searching known that he (Dial) would have had to choice for Governor among the Radicals of investigation into their conduct, and we stay so long in jail. (This witness was in this section; Geo. W. Price, Jr., for Lieut. have so great confidence in the result of the workhouse for twelve months on ac- Governor, if he could get it, but in the abthe federal government with whom our personal friend of these gentlemen, we steers, and was under indictment for buy-1 typic must come in daily contact in the sincerely trust it may be had without mg some hogs from a man without the

The Chicago Post says: "The cheery in illatating the policy and shaping the Soon the combined mower and reaper will be disting of the wantity. Men may de- commence to reap a harvest of fingers and (10 miles from Lumberton.) technothis course as sectional. We care toes, and shooters of spring ducks will blow For these and all other mercies may we

paragraphists be made truly grateful." the to our section, the down-trodden and | Miss Susan King prides herself on being

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1872

LOCAL.

TRIAL OF CALVIN OXENDINE ATSMITHVILLE,

FOR THE

closing with Col. N. A. McLean, for the MURDER of SHERIFF KING.

BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.

In accordance with an order granted by Judge Russell, at last term of Superior Court of Columbus county, the trial of Calvin Oxendine, charged with complicity in the murder of ex-Sheriff King, of Robeson county, having been removed to Bruns-North Carolina has just cause to be wick Superior Court, came on for trial at

no where be shown than in our own State. | ceeded to Smithville on Tuesday upon the

Henderson and Calvin Oxendine, George In matter of scientific speculation and Applewhite and Stephen Lowrey were ar-

Subsequently, Mr. Davis, a young citiand executed, protesting to the last, how-THE HERMIT OF PETRICA is a tale writ- ever, bis innocence in regard to the King

THE TRIAL.

A special venire of jurors had been summoned, from which, on the morning of the | built. trial, a jury was selected with but little After the usual formality of empannel-

ing the jury had been performed, the prosecution introduced their first witness. John Dial, a rather white looking muof very unprepossessing countenance, looking the rogue every inch of him. The witness faltered, hemmed and hawed, and had his testimony, at times, almost dragged out, contradicting himself in one or more particulars. The sum-up of his evidence was that on Friday night, before King's John W. Galloway and F. W. Potter, crew of 54 long-winded delegates. murder, Henry Berry Lowrey, Stephen | from Smithville District. Lowrey, Geo. Applewhite, Henderson and Calvin Oxendine, and himself, got together at 11 o'clock, at the end of Thompson's lane, and then went to the back of Sheriff King's plantation, reaching it at daybreak on Saturday, and staying there all day. At dusk, that evening, having blacked their faces and tied hand/erchiefs on their Lockwood Folly. heads, they went to the house. Geo. Applewhite cut a stick on the way. Calvin was | Waecamaw. with them and had a pistol. Mr. King was sitting by the fire, reading a newspaper when | Convention : Henry Berry entered, and summoned him to surrender. Sheriff King advanced on Smithville Judge Moore, having exchanged cir- Henry Berry, and they grappled, Henry the house, Henry Berry taking a few dol-Our Haleigh contemporaries, the Sentinel lars out of the wounded man's pockets, vention

indicial ermine as to seek, under its cover, After the conclusion of the evidence for

THE DEFENCE.

the defence was commenced by the intro-

that he was called upon to assist in iron- ones. It will be seen that our young ing Jno. Dial in the Lumberton jail, and friend, John W. Galloway, heads the ticket murder, for if he did not, some one of the years, with Mr. Galloway, we can safely

Sol. W. Nash, jailor in Wilmington, testified he had heard Dial say that what he (Dial)

(Dial) had lied about Calvin Oxendine, consent of the man's wife.)

McDuffie Cumming, colored, testified buzz of the buzz-saw as it turns out first- that while on the way to church the Saturday day it advantages, the South class fatal accidents is wafted on every gale evening of King's murder, he saw Calvin hours ore long exect a controlling influence from Maine to Florida, and rises above the and Henderson Oxendine and William Platt, catting boxes on Pat Lowrey's land,

Maria Watson, colored, testified to hav- than to any other eutomostracæ or to the ing seen Calvin cutting boxes near Mr. I eacock's house, where she lived.

Captain W. H. McLaurin testified that the shrewdest real-estate dealer in New Calvin had, previous to his alleged com- cm and other peculiarities essentially their dat dat darkens dis hole." Our dusky then you can claim it. For the love of but one dream, one desire—to save my of his windows to be lowered, and had a plicity in the murder, borne a most excel- own."

most infamous character. Here the defence was closed.

THE SPEAKING was led off, the on part of the defence, by M. Bellamy Esq., who was followed by Captain W. S. Norment, for the prosecution, and Col. W. Foster French, for the defence,

The speeches were excellent, and any attempt to report them would be rank injustice to the speakers. The points, pro and con, were logically discussed, and the evidence handled with masterly ability.

of His Honor was lucid and impartial, and the jury took the case at 12:40 o'clock .-The Court room was densely thronged throughout the entire day and night, among the spectators being a number of the ladies of Smithville However, in half an hour after the jury retired, all hope of a speedy verdict died out, and the crowd dispersed. The jury came to an agreement at 2:15 o'clock, and the Judge was sent, for and upon his arrival,

A VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY was rendered. The prisoner was very calm throughout the entire trial, seemed confident of acquittal, and stated freely that he did not consider hanging any worse than the suspense and confinement he had undergone during nearly three years. His mother, who was present, was so much overcome when the verdict was rendered, that she fainted. The general impression,

The testimony of Dial was uncorroborated in the most vital point-that of the presence of Oxendine at the murder, and it seemed hardly right to hang a man on the unsupported testimony of such a villain. Oxendine came up to the city yesterday, and says he intends going away from Robeson to live. He ls about 25 years old, unmarried, about five feet nine inches in height, a nearly white mulatto, The call had simply been for three from

WICK .- At a meeting of the Conservative resentatives, on account of the incorporated ward. citizens of Brunswick, held in Smithville, town of Lillington. And right here, and on Teesday evening, April 9th, the following proceedings were had:

The meeting was organized by calling latto, slightly built, about 19 years old, and Col. Jno. D. Taylor to the Chair, and the appointment of R. Galloway, Esq., as Se- avidity and as a godsend. Long and mouthy cretary. The Chairman explained the ob- was the war; mighty and exhaustiveject of the meeting in a few appropriate re- (we speak not logically, but in point of marks. On motion, the Chair appointed | breath,) were the arguments; Bedlam let the following as delegates to the Greens- loose, and the yells of forty hundred packs boro' Nominating Convention:

> T. C. McIlhenny and T. G. Sellars, from Town Creek.

> D. C. Allen and Wesley Hodge from North West. D. K. Bennett and Thos, Hickman, from

And the following to the Senatorial Con-

R. W. Woodsides and Franklin Swain, Lewis Butler and Zadock Williams, Jr.,

W. Watters and A. V. Goodman, from

Jesse Lancaster and J. W. Davis, from Lockwood Folly. J. H. Mints and J. W. Tharp, from Shal-

The following county ticket was then

For House of Commons,-John W. Gal-

low be were at a pressure, very much to be forced to believe that the wound was produced by a pistol loway; for Sheriff-J. R. Swain; for Register of Deeds-S. P. Tharp; for Treasurer —J. L. Wescott; for Coroner—Julius Taylor; for Surveyor-J. N. Bennet; for County Commissioners-R. W. Woodsides, Wallace Styron, J. W. Tharp, Lewis Butler, Ed. R. Taylor.

> We understand that the meeting was a At 7 o'clock, the Court having resumed, very harmonious one, and that there was much unanimity of sentiment expressed by those who were present in making up Fletcher McNeil, colored, who testified the nominations, all of which are excellent that while there Sheriff Howell told John in the nomination for the Legislature. "he had better confess about the King | From an iutimate acquaintance, of many gang would yet be caught and turn State's assert that the trust of the Conservatives of evidence, and then he (John) would be Brunswick county cannot be placed in better hands than it will be when they send this candidate to Raleigh to represent their interests. He is young and bold and ardent in the cause, and he will make such a canvass in old Brunswick as will guarantee a complete success there for his party

Although the Convention yesterday made no recommendations as to candidates, it is rather evident that Dockery is the seems now in the ascendency.

siding at Dalton, Ga., has applied for orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Agassiz has determined a point which has long vexed us. He says: any more closely related to the phyllopods structura features of the tetradecapods are

The Reign of Babel Revived-Bill Moore's Pints of Order-Chadband Still Extant-Ludierous Scenes.

The Radicals of New Hanover had what they called a Convention at the City Hall yesterday. The call emanated from their County Executive Committee, and was for the ostensible purpose of selecting delegates to the State and District Conventions, respectively, but in reality to afford a vent for some of the superabundant gas which has so long been generating in the lungs of those XVth Amendments who

seek to lead and speak for the dear people. The City Court room was furnished as the theatre of action. After some little delay, Custom House Rumley was chosen Chairman, and Poor House Scott was appointed Secretary. The dele-gates, by way of prelude, had taken their seats with sanctimonious faces, elegantly expressive of the high and important trust which had been confided in them. As there were so many willing and eager

to take the honor upon themselves, dispensing, even, with the ceremony of invitation, it became a matter at once necessary and delicate to see who really were the delegates. Accordingly, the appointment of a committee on credentials was accomplished with little difficulty beyond the interference of the irrepressible, bullet-headed Bill Moore, who, in objecting to some of the members of the Committee, delivered himself thusiy: "Mr. Cheerman, Judas after the jury retired, was in anticipation of Iscariot betrayed our Saviour for thirty pieces of silver, but dar are men right here on dis floor who can be bought for less dan dat." This remark no one seemed disposed to contradict.

Finally, the committee got a report before the house. With reference to Lincoln township, it was submitted, three delegates from the corporate town of Lillington. each township, with an exception in favor of the city of Wilmington; but Lincoln Conservative Meeting in Bruns- claimed the right to send three other repupon this question, the fight began. Exasperated that the object of their assembling had been so simple, this unlooked-for chance of a squabble was hailed with of hounds could not have rivalled this little

And such a set to! Bill Moore, who has not changed in tactics since his first appearance on the stupendous scale of a ward politician, arose continually, and always to "a pint of order." These "pints" were clamored for so repeatedly that they expanded themselves into gallons of frothy Moore-ish eloquence-but nary point punctured the heartless Convention. The Chairman rapped, the desk rang, our ears suffered, Babel was revived, but Bill would not be put down. Two or three modest colored brothers from the country clutched his coat-tail convulsively. In the agony of despair the weak-kneed presiding Custom House deity incoherently gasped, "Will you sit down?" And then Bill wilted, and he wilted.

It would be impossible to report all that was said upon this question, amidthis confusion, pro and con. The would-be Mark Anthony of the city Radicals, Nathan N. ciferously exclaimed: "Yes sir, there is something 'rotten in Denmark;' I can see it sir." (There was more truth than poetry in the gentleman's remark for the Reporter could distinctly smell it.) Mr. Sampson resumed that the trouble was, there was now a nigger in the corner of the fence, and white office-holders can't get him out, and so the party must be sacri-

Bill Moore again rose to "a pint or order." The whole Convention had a "pint" to make-all to their feet in an inharmonious committee of the whole, Chairman in the meanwhile beating an accompainment to the discord with official ruler upon the presiding desk. Amid the confusion Poor House Scott, in despair of noting the proceedings on his Secretary's minutes, sprang upon his desk, with more energy than dee ney, and with characterestic eloquence declared that by G-d they had come here to transact business, and if they made such a h-l of a fuss, how in the h-l were they going to do it! The force of this eloquence was irresistible, and the tumult subsided under the very pathos of the appeal. This temporary lull produced a new speaker and a change in the style of oratory.

of an alligator at every pore, he seemed a second Chadband as he stood, the exception of color chiefly dividing them. In the realization of the Chadband pattern, he pened his mouth and spake : "My friends, what have we come here for to-day? Is it ecause we want offis? No, my friends I lon't want offis. Then what have I come here for to-day? I comes here to-day, ontrammelled.onmodelled.onconsarned.onfusticated, onfaring to represent the people, tode whole people and nuffin but the people. And that reminds me,my friends, of a story which I will tell you about a bear. Dar with utter despair, and spoke so calmly that nien-who walked along de road one day and seed a log with a big hole in it, and The latter was certainly my thought; but of, until what you see was all that reone of dem says to de odder of dem, les set I could detect nothing in the clear, blue mained. however, desirable that these officers of such an investigation that, as a party and leads of the wanderings of insanity. "Sell bands of the wanderings of insanity." Sell de log and commences building a fire. Now dar was some young bears in his log, and Rev. W. P. Kramer, a promising young bime-by the old one she cums long and fingers upon her pulse with the expectation she resolutely continued: "It is true some minister of the M. E. Church, South, re- sees suppins up, and makes right for de of finding it bounding with race horse ra- money was offered me by more than one hole. Now as de bear was crawling in de hole, de man outside ketches hold ob him by de to and de fell run dar hollers out, "I am satisfied, since I have examined whats da . arknin de hole, and de outside how much in contrast, the way and hast rethe temocaris peircei, that trilobites are not feller he says, 'lem mine, if my tail holt slips, you'll know mighty quick whats dat esopods. In reality, the trilobites are likel darknin dis hole. And just so wid some the dear sound of jingling gold. tomocaris, a synthentic type in which men here, my friends, who has a tail holt, and if dar tail holt slips, you'll see whats Chadband then sat down, with much dig- heaven, give me a little, just a little money." darling even a single hour of pain."

lent charac' r, but that John Dial bore a RADICAL COUNTY CONVENTION' nity, amid the congratulations of his And the hitherto dry eyes were flooded

It would be impossible to follow up the muddle; suffice it, in short, that the Lillington delegates were rejected-not objected-as Bill Moore insisted on having it. But this was not effected until the afternoon session, the Convention having adjourned for dinner when the confusion had reached its climax. In the midst of the difficulty, however, it was worthy of note, that John Bell, of the country, quietly proposed to settle the whole affair, if the Con-

vention, with one consent, refused to be settled, and went on with its muddle. The point being disposed of, the fun subsided, and delegates were elected without the expenditure of anything but an I must have it-must have it." extravagant waste of time. They are as

vention would but permit him. The Con-

State Concention.-H. E. Scott, Owen Burney, Geo. L. Mabson.

Congressional District Convention-W. P. Canaday, John H. Whitman, Wm. H. Moore, Alfred Howe, Jas. Lowery, W. H. Gerken.

After the accomplishment of this feat, the pow-wow subsided, and the City Court room was left to resume its atmosphere of quiet, but the "scent of the roses hangs I had no money to pay the doctor, and

THE SURGEON'S STORY

"Will you buy my body, sir?" I, Charles Markham, a young physician, was sitting alone in the dusty little room that the sign without dignified with the title of "office," when these words fell upon my ears. I had just returned from visiting the few patients I could beast of, thoroughly heart-sick at the want of humanity in the world, wet to the skin, and more than half frozen.

I never remember a worse night in all It was cold as the Arctic, blustering, and had been regularly appointed from that the sleet that rattled upon the windows township, and three additional delegates soon covered them with a coat of ice. It had stormed heavily all day, the stores were closed, and the side-walk venders

driven to shelter. "God help any one that is forced to be abroad to-night." had been my thought, as I hurried along after finishing my professional duties, and breasted my way home-

my saturated garments, coaxed the sparkling anthracite into a cheerful glow, and made myself comfortable, and begun building castles in Spain of the time when I should have a lucrative practice, ride in my carriage, and own a brown stone front, when the strange and heart-chilling words fell upon my ears, causing all my pleasant fancies to drift away in an instant. "Will you buy my body, sir?"

I sprang from my easy chair, dropping my well-colored meerschaum in my astonishment, and turned to see who it was, that, like Poe's raven, had uttered those terrible words.

"Will you buy my body, sir?" The question was repeated for the second time, before I had sufficiently recovered myself to become convinced that it came from no ill-omened bird, but from a form of human semblance at least. Yet the question was so utterly unusual, so much at variance with ill-preconceived notions of barter and sale, that all I could do was to push a chair toward the intruder, and stand in silent wonderment. In a few moments the self-command I

had learned during my hospital practice, came to my aid, and I saw that my visitor was a woman-or a girl, rather, for she could not have been more than nineteen or twenty at the utmost: and that, if it had not been for the extreme palor of the face, the pinched up look about the mouth, and the sad sunken eyes, she would have possessed far more than is ordinarily the case, the rare gift of beauty. The flickering light of the fire flashed

upon the soft brown hair, giving it a more olden glory, and dissolving the snow flakes that had lodged there, making them glitter like liquin pearls. This much, and G. Sampson, was one among the most elo- that the dress and shawl were of the cheapquent. In a burst of virtuous indignation est material, and but a poor defence against the howling storm and pitiless cold, at the bare idea of the proposition, he vo- and the strange request darted with light-"Draw nearer to the fire," said L "You |

are numbed. Warm yourself, and --"I have no time and must not stay," answered she, with a sigh, though she dropped heavily into a chair, and brushed away the snowdrops from her face with her thin hands. Without waiting for further remon-

medicine, of which I saw she stood much in need, and with a gentle force, held it to

"You must," I insisted. "Remember that I am a physician, that this is a prescription, and that your life may depend

Will it give me strength?" "That is certainly the object I have in urging you to take it. What else should it of the deepest dye, swept away all. In Nebraska; settlers are pouring in from the

And she swallowed it without a murmur, save thankfulness. I wheeled her chair up nearer the fire and stirred the coals to a more brilliant through the dark valley, and beyond the as a striking instance of the rapidity of deglow, hoping that the potion would quiet shining river, leaving the elder sister to velopment, that in a part of Howard counher excitement, awake the chilled blood to provide for the younger. a warmer, swifter glow, and that sleep

And for a moment I fancied I was right. of the furniture and articles of value that cast at a local election held three or four The little hands dropped nervelessly into I possessed. Then-why should I un- weeks ago. Many farm houses are also to her lap; the softly veiled lids drooped over bosom myself to a stranger?" she asked, be erected this spring within a radius of the deep blue eyes. The head fell forward stopping suddenly, and looking me full in He was recognized as "Mr. Brewington." on the breast. But, alas! it was a momen- the face. Oily, and emitting a substance like the fat tary delusion. In another instant she sprang to her feet again, pressed her hands her earnestness, "because you have found lous character. upon her temples, as if to still their throb- a true heart, and one that can feel for In 1860 the total population of the State bings, and looked wildly around.

"Oh, God!" she exclaimed, "I here, amid warmth and comfort, and -Convulsive sobs choked any further ut-"Sit down and tell me the reason of your

coming here," I almost commanded, as I "Ah! I remember all now. Remember!

"Be calm, I understand, you are here in

"I came," she replied, and looked on me was a man in our town-dar was two it made my blood run cold, "I came, doctor, to sell you my body." Was I talking to a woman or a maniae?

need, and came for assistance."

You cannot be in earnest?

day transaction.

"I am in earnest God sort. Will you buy it ?"

"How can I purchase it when you are kind." But I will soon be dead, and then-

"Why do you wish to sell? You cannot but understand that it is an unheard of | their parents came from foreign lands." proceeding. Our profession never purchase bodies (how I shuddered as I gazed matter what they may do after." "I know it; but I must have money,

and there is no other means left me to get it. I must have it now instantly." And she would have risen again, but resolutely held her down.

"For what purpose do you wish it?" "To purchase food, fire, medicine." "For yourseif."

"Ah! no. Had that been the case never would have come hither. I would have lain down in the gutter and died.— God knows how willingly.' "But tell me," she continued almost fiercely, " will you give me some money ;

heaven for whom would you make such a fearful sacrifice. Is it for one who is very near and dear to you. " It is-is-my little sister."

The words dropped from her tongue as they might have from those of an angel, and her face wore as holy a light as if she had been already star-crowned.

"Then she is sick." "She is dying! dying! and I am sitting "Why did you not tell me this before?" "Because I had begged so long in vain.

who would go forth on such a night as this ly. There was a peaceful breakfast served My blood boiled so that I could not answer. Could there be such men? Alas! reason told me in a moment that her words | least, of my dreams of wealth and position were but too true, and I almost cursed my

wrapped the delicate form in a heavy cloak, and, with a few whispered words of comfort, we sallied out together in the black white kitten with crimson ribbons, on the night, and merciless storm and cold. Fortunately the distance we had travel was but a short one. A few at the former. Our eyes met. Are we both

eral flights of dismal, creaking stairs, into "Florence, is that you?" I heard asked by what my ear convinced me was a pair of childish, almost infantile lips.

"Yes, my darling, lie still for a mo-"I am so glad. You have been so long-

My fair guide had been making preparations to obtain a light, but when she heard by mortal lips, these words, she flew to the other side of the room, and I knew many warm kisses | and soul. were given and returned. "Excuse me, sir," she said, as she

turned and lighted the remnant of a "Excuse me, but I have been so long I answered not. Her voice had a melo-

dy in it, now attuned by love, that I wished to linger unbroken upon my ear, like the haunted me for years. In a moment the candle shed a sickly light around the little room. Little, in-

deed, and unfurnished to nothingness!— One scantily covered bed was all! But within I saw a sweet face that made me forget all else. I approached it, and laid my hands on the pulse of the little

"He is a doctor, Bessie; a dear, good, kind friend," replied her sister; and from

science of materia medica to see what was required. I made the proper prescription, the elder sister that I would be back in a few | seized with a sudden frenzy; but their moments, and resisting all attempts to light | risioility had a different source. A fat me down stairs, groped my way into the street. I had noticed an eating house at of the front bench of the pit, was accombut a little distance, as we came along, panied by his mastiff, who, being accusand, a statement of the case, backed by the couple of chairs, fuel, light and proper food, The butcher sat very far back; and the and in a brief half hour the little room wore | dog, finding a fair opening, got on the seat, something like an air of comfort. Another | and fixing his fore-paws on the rail of the

pose, but in vain. with my cloak," I urged. "No, doctor," was the constant reply .-

been God that directed my wandering footroaring without, watching the almost angelic face of the peacefully slumbering child-sat and talked of what I was most strance, I hastened to get some reviving anxious to hear. But the conversation of those long, dark hours can be condensed

into a very brief space.

She who would have sold her body for the sake of giving a little longer life to her sister, was the daughter of at least supposed wealth. But a few years previously she highest. Both birth and education fitted

that it is so. Well, I struggled on-no, first laid out in 1854, now has 20,000 mfought were the better word," she continued, habitants; Lincoln, the capital, laid out in with the lines about her mouth suddenly 1867, has a population or about 2,500, and becoming hard. "I fought for life, some- is growing rapidly. The Legislature has times teaching, sometimes sewing-in provided for the immediate erection of pubshort, doing anything that my strength lie buildings, as well as for the encouragepermitted, until sickness came; still I did ment of immigration, and liberal appro-Is there no such thing as forgetfulness ?- not despair. I was bound to the stake-a printions have been made for the support Yes, I remember all. I came here to sweet one-my darling sister. Of the in- of free schools. The development of the sult I received while seeking for work, I railroad system, building up Nebraska in shall never speak. They must remain for- common with the other new States of the ever locked up in my own breast; and the | West, has already stimulated the energies pallid face flushed to scarlet, even at the of the people to such a degree that the fu-

" And found no employment?" the litte furniture that I was the possessor soon interlace all parts of the State, and " My poor child."

"It is true "-I saw that she was nerving herself to tell me something that was "Great heaven!" I exclaimed, laying my painful, and would have stopped her, but pidity; but, on the contrary, finding it far man, but I instantly and indignantly hurled more calm than my own. 'Great heaven! it in my insulter's face. Then, great heavin this bitter night, with all my bee

And she reached out her hand toward have put such an idea in your head?" me as a miser would have done, who heard : "I don't know. I cannot tell. Some- hardly ever written a line of music in the

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" Have you no relatives ?" "Not a single one that I know of. Both of my parents were only children when She paused and turned to smooth the hair of the slumbering Bessie, and imprint into her face while I was forcing myself a kiss on the curl-wreathed and snowy camly to utter the words) before death, no brow; and I thought what desperate trials one like her must have passed through in order to bring her mind to look calmly upon giving herself to the knife and the ribald jests of the dissecting room! And l thought, too, of the sterling truth of ber young heart that could resist the allurements of gold, when so hedged by want and pain in their most terrible shape. I thought, too-but she interrupted me by

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friend-whom God raised up for me in the hour when all was darkness and misery, and black death and a pauper's grave stared me in the face. My kind friendbut I am -have been keeping you from "If not for yourself, in the name of rest."

"Me! A physician's rest is one that is constantly broken in upon, and-will you pardon me?-I had never had my heart so leeply touched, nor my feelings so much interested in all my life.'

A faint rose blush crept up from the exquisitely moulded throat, and mantled the soft cheeks. She took my hand and pressed it to her lips, leaving a warm, lingering kiss upon it. Did I suddenly build any castles in Spain?

When the morning light broke again over the gay city, the storm had ceased, and naare smiled—coldly, it is true, but brilliantserved in far other quarters.

race, Without delay I gathered up such the wrathful howlings of the temthings as I thought might be of service, pest blocks passed, and she led me up sev- thinking of the past? It may be so. She steals softly behind my chair, and twines her arms around my neck.

"Darling, do you remember such a night as this, searcely a year ago," she

"Yes; I was thinking of it." "And of what brought me to you?"

cold, and hungry, and it was so dark; and | warm breath upon my cheek. 1 feel I have been so frightened at the strange her fervent kiss-such a one as only a young and levely wife can give, and I hear, "Now, my darling, I am yours, body

AN ACTOR'S DISCOMPTTURE

David Garrick and the Mastiff. tomed tribute of applause; at the conclu strains of some songs I nave heard, which sion of the fifth, when he wept over the that moment she became perfectly passive majesty of England, the gallant Albany, hour the eyes of the child were closed in orchestra, peered at the performers with a slumber, and I urged her sister to seek re- upright a head and as grave an air as the most sagacious critic of the day. Our "At least lie down and let me cover you corpulent slaughterman was made of melling stuff, and not being accustomed to the heat of a play-house, found himself op-"I cannot, I am so happy. It must have pressed by a large and well-powdered Sunday periwig, which, for the gratification of cooling and wiping his head, he pulled off and placed on the head of the mastiff. warden's wig was too much; it would have provoked laughter in Lear himself, at the moment of his deepest distress. No won-

der, then, that it had such effect on his

her for it. But misfortune came, -a series | their way to Nebraska, will find that young of disasters upon land and sea, against and thriving State in a ferment of activity. which no human forethought could guard, Letters from Omaha give extraordinary combined with treachery and ingratitude accounts of the growth and prosperity of their footsteps followed the death of the older States and the Territories; thousands mother, leaving an infant but a few months of acres of land have been taken up for old. The fond father struggled against the occupation this spring; villages are multihealth gave way, and he followed his wife | ing numerous and productive. It is related I was able to live comfortably by the sale | the spring of 1871, one hundred votes were opening of this rich region to settlement "Because," I replied, with a smile at has produced changes of the most marvel-

was only 28,841; in 1870 the number had "Yes, may heaven be thanked! I feel increased to 116,888. The city of Omaha, ture is no longer doubtful. Besides the Union Pacific line, there are twelve others. "None. Piece by piece I parted with some of them nearly completed, which will plest facilities of access to the markets of the world. And what is true of Nebraska is also true of the whole of the great West. Progress is the order of the day, and wealth and power will follow .- Commercial Advertiser.

"Not at home," is the way some folks out lie creation.

Every telegraph post in the country is a knows cone, t determined to sell my body to a me monument to the memory of the late Prof. Gounod says he has composed most of

his operas after midnight, and that he has where I had either heard or read of the daytime. Alexander Dumas, too, was unable to write in broad daylight. When he "You must have been very desperate." began to write, which was generally about "On the verge of distraction. I had five in the afternoon, he caused the blinds

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to recover the position to which we are In reference to the management of the your of the Sauthern States, when com- If there has been inhuman treatment of binal and used as "a balance of power in | prisoners let the parties responsible therenational politics," must and will be respect for be promptly and severely punished. ted. We have no hesitation in saying that | That there has been improper treatment this great electoral strength should be com- | we do not believe. The report of the comblined and used for the advantage of our mittee, referred to above, completely exown section. If we divide out our strength, honorated the Directors from any crimi-

these offices will be filled by Northern coming campaign. Then. No Southern man in our day and visite United States. Nor is it specially desirable that it should be otherwise. It ministration of justice and in other ways, delay. South be Southern men and acceptable to

we have no higher patriotism than down their guns to see if they are loaded .-that which tells us our first allogiance is

from the following letter, addressed to Editor of the Robesonian, it will be n that our Rafeigh correspondent was erect in stating that General Scales was sering under political disabilities, and efore allow his name to be used elsewhere. ite for Governor before the

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or are all that we need to enable | remain honest, a matters purely political. The electoral single word.

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